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THE MOST POISONOUS OF SNAKES.—No member of the animal creation is so universally hated and feared as the snake. The curse pronounced upon that serpent in the garden of Eden, still cleaves to the whole race.

The most powerful, as well as the most dangerous of all snakes, is the Boa Constrictor. This reptile is mostly found in Africa. When at liberty, it is lazy; it never hurries itself except when it darts like lightning upon its prey. People affirm that it can spring high enough from the ground to reach a horse's head. In the daytime it generally lies quiet still in the bushes or in high grass. At night it crawls round about, approaching human dwellings in search of mice or the like, and often doing much mischief. A woman in Transval, leaving her house one night in the dark, trod upon a boa-constrictor lying before the door, was bitten, and died the next day.

Still more dangerous is this serpent to grazing sheep or to hunters' dogs. A gentleman in Bloomsfontein once lost two of his dogs at the same time from one of these poisonous reptiles; one died within ten minutes, the other a few hours, after the bite.

A very observant naturalist relates that he was once walking in a field, and remarked during his wanderings that one of the large, South African field mice was sitting a little distance before him motionless, as if rooted to the spot. As he looked round, wondering at the cause which prevented the timid animal from fleeing from him, he saw close before it an immense boa-constrictor, who had chosen the mouse for its prey, and would not let it out of its sight. Shortly after, the snake suddenly made a spring, seized the mouse, and vanished with it into a hole close by, before the astonished spectator was able to use his stick.

Another traveler says:—"I have lain in the Bushiana land close to a boa-constrictor which had rolled itself up in the lofty grass for more than half an hour without its moving. When about to escape the sun moved a little, and was just about to put my elbow on it, I perceived it. I crept up cautiously in order to grasp well my thick coil; the snake remained motionless. A well aimed blow from my stick, however, soon made it harmless forever."

"The two boa-constrictors in the Berlin aquarium," says the director of that establishment, "I bought from a snake-fancier in Berlin, who had had them for some time. There was no trace of tameness in them. Their fury was shown by their puffing and blowing as soon as any one approached their cage. Their transfer into the new cage destined for them was by no means an easy matter; they had at last to be driven in by force, and, among other means, a strong pair of bellows was employed to blow them in."

"But when they got into their new house, which was well warmed, they soon seemed comfortable and quite at home. They showed some curiosity at first, taking a cautious survey of their cage, sniffed and licked all the corners with their tongues. When they discovered the water-basin they at once drank eagerly; they then settled themselves to sleep on horseback. They often lay motionless from morning to night in the same place, and in the same position. At night, however, when serpents are always more lively, they generally crawled slowly round and round their cage. They did not trouble themselves in the least about the other snakes, whom they could see in the adjoining cases through their glass walls. When one of these reptiles was allowed to pass into their cage, and crawled about over them, they did not seem to object to this society."

"These snakes will never eat the rabbits and other animals given them for food if they are not hungry, and very little food seems to satisfy them. We have found that one young rabbit a week is enough nourishment for a full-grown boa-constrictor six feet in length, and almost as thick as a man's thigh. Frequently two or three weeks would pass away without our serpents eating rabbits. At other times they would take the rabbits in rapid succession. Formerly they used to be fed after the accustomed way, but I now allow them to be fed before the eyes of the visitors every Wednesday afternoon. The rabbit destined as their victim is enclosed in a net, and then let down from above into the cage, when it is set at liberty. Once or twice it has happened that the serpents have bitten their prey before it reached the bottom of the cage, but they are generally too indolent to do so."

The rabbit has no suspicion of the danger which threatens it. It approaches the snake inquisitively. It has never seen such an animal before, its curiosity is therefore excusable. It smells at its enemy, still it does not know that it is an enemy."

"The serpent raises its triangular head, bends back its neck, assumes a position of attack which is both very beautiful and very terrible. The rabbit suspects nothing—it continues sniffing, but as it seems nothing, it becomes bolder and approaches the snake's head. The serpent darts out its tongue, smelling too. The rabbit, a picture of innocence, still stands not suspecting any danger before its dreadful foe, who is now becoming more excited. It breathes with deep sobs, so that its body rises and falls, expands and contracts; it snorts, too, in such a way that the rabbit cannot fail to hear this warning; but this, too, is in vain; the victim continues unconscious of danger."

"The serpent lets its head sink down in order to take up another position. Its ribs press against the ground, working upwards like hundreds of feet; it is gliding slowly forward. The rabbit is startled, springs on one side, raises its eyes sharply upon the object which is so unknown to it, pricks up its ears, and then composes itself again. Now the serpent lies motionless, then it approaches its puzzled victim, again it lifts its head, ready for the attack. But sees its tongue, threatens as before. The rabbit sees the water-basin, and takes a drink, then he makes himself comfortable, stretching out upon the warm sand, and eating a little of a turnip thrown to him. He seems quite at home in the cage, he becomes rash, jumps up and down, over the snake, even upon its back. Enraged at this boldness, the snake quickly starts up, and blows out from its full lungs. The rabbit is startled, but still it has no suspicion of danger, and soon begins again its perilous pranks."

"So it may last for hours, and the longer it continues the bolder becomes the rabbit, the more lively the serpent, the more excited the spectators. But at last the tragedy approaches

its end. The boa-constrictor has decided that it is hungry, and creeps up to its prey. The rabbit goes to meet it. The snake lifts its head very high, the glands which contain the poison on either side of its head visibly swelling; once more the tongue is put out, and quick as lightning, the head darts back and then forward again; as it advances the jaws open, and the poisoned fangs, which had formerly been concealed, press deeply into the body of the victim—a cry comes from the poor rabbit, then another, a second after from some of the female spectators. The death stroke has been given. As quickly as the serpent darted forward, has it now retreated; it lays its head on the ground, looks its victim sharply in the eye, awaiting its end. The slight motion of the tip of its tail alone betrays how excited it is.

"The rabbit has uttered one cry, made one or two efforts to jump, and then laid down quite still. Its ears are limp, its eyelids have sunk down, it shakes its head once or twice. It rolls over on its side, it lies motionless for ten, twenty, or a hundred seconds; suddenly it rises once more, quivering, and then it falls back lifeless. The deadly poison has done its work."

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